

REMARKS

The Examiner has applied two patents as a basis to reject all fourteen claims of the above identified application, namely Khachatoorian, U.S. 6,453,774 and Pamias, U.S. 6,190,266, Khachatoorian does pertain to a tool for removing roofing shingles and does teach a cutting head similar to that claimed by Applicant. However, Applicant was aware of the existence of the cutting head and the claimed invention is directed to an economic handle to relieve stress on a worker, particularly as to the back of the worker, when ripping shingles from a roof.

The Pamias Patent has nothing to do with the removal of shingles but rather is a golf putter. Applicant transgresses the ability to combine Pamias with Khachatoorian.

The Examiner has also cited but not applied additional patents which are discussed hereinafter.

Hoffman Patent, U.S. 4,704,758 has parallel hand grips but has angles of forty-five degrees and ninety degrees.

Tischler Patent, U.S. 5,465,971, pertains to a crutch-like extension to a golf putter handle. Tischler does show a bent handle but has no significant relationship to the current invention.

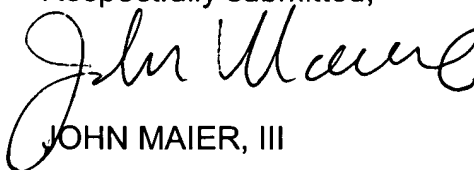
The Riley et. al. Patent U.S. 5,465,971 relates to a hand-held tool which is shaped to be economic. It has no other significant relationship to Applicants' invention.

The Blessing Patent, U.S. 6,199,245 teaches a bent handle for use on lawn and garden equipment. Blessing teaches parallel handles but otherwise is distinguishable from applicants' invention.

The Macor Patent, U.S. 6,488,266 teaches a pry bar with a bend in and not adjacent one end of the bar. Macor has no significance to the current invention.

The application now appears in condition for allowance, which action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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